

Amendments to the Claims:

23. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim [22] 42 further comprising testing the fabric and determining that the fabric passes the standard method NFPA 701 – 1996 edition testing protocol.

24. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim [22] 42 wherein saturating is accomplished by padding.

25. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim [22] 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant is a phosphonate.

26. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim [22] 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant is a cyclic phosphonate.

27. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim [22] 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant is Flame Retardant 50.

28. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim [22] 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant comprises between about

2 % and 10 % by weight of the composition.

29. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim [22] 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant comprises about 4.8 % by weight of the composition.

30. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim [22] 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent is a molecularly bound antimicrobial agent.

31. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim [22] 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent is an organosilane.

32. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim [22] 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent is AEM 5700TM.

33. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim [22] 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent comprises between about 0.2 % and 2.0 % by weight of the composition.

34. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim [22] 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent comprises about 0.48 % by weight of the composition.

35. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim [22] 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellent is also a soil repellant.

36. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim [22] 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellent is a fluorochemical.

37. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim [22] 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellent is ZONYL 7040™.

38. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim [22] 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellent comprises between about 2 % and 10 % by weight of the composition.

39. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim [22] 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellent comprises about

3.6 % by weight of the composition.

40. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim [22] 42 wherein forming includes fabric formation from Trevira CS fibers.

41. **(Currently Amended)** A method as claimed in claim [22] 42 wherein forming includes fabric formation from AVORA ™ fibers.

42. **(Reinstated – formerly Claim 22)** A method of finishing an inherently flame resistant fabric comprising:

 forming a fabric of inherently flame resistant fibers,
 saturating the fabric with a composition containing a fluorochemical and one or more of an antimicrobial agent, a flame retardant, a fluid repellent agent and a soil repellent agent, drying the fabric.